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5. [] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and reviewed with him a proposed letter to Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.) on congressional briefings. Mr. Slatinshek feels the letter will suit the purpose and made but a single word change. He does feel, however, that it would be best if we would take the time to take it by Chairman Hebert before release. I told Mr. Slatinshek that we plan to.

I also left with Mr. Slatinshek an unclassified outline of Soviet naval ships-1971 data for his use and briefed him on the following items: Soviet VTOLs and Foxbat overflight of Sinai; and ChiCom medium range missile ground support equipment.

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6. [] Talked with Tom Vail, Chief Counsel, Senate Finance Committee, about the status of H. R. 9900, the bill to provide a tax benefit for military personnel and civilian employees while they are in a missing or prisoner of war status. Vail said the Committee was tied up in work on H. R. 1 and would not get to the missing persons legislation until some time in April at the earliest. I told him we would like to talk with him about this bill as it might apply to a matter of some sensitivity in the Agency. Vail asked that I drop him a note which he could put in the bill file as a reminder to insure they contacted us before taking any action on H. R. 9900. I told him I would do so.

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7. [] At his request I met with John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and briefed him on the current situation in north Laos, specifically the status of action [] Goldsmith had read several articles in the New York Times and was anxious to check on the accuracy of these reports. He asked that we keep him advised of any significant developments.

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8. [] Received a call from [] who had been referred to this office by Representative Watkins Abbitt's (D., Va.) office. [] requested a personnel interview for some time today, if at all possible. After checking with [] OP, I advised [] that an appointment had been set up for 2:00 p. m.

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